SENATE BILL 508

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR CONDITIONS; RAISING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 50-4-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955, Chapter 200, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"50-4-22. MINIMUM WAGES. --

A. Every employer, except as provided in Section 50-4-21 NMSA 1978, shall pay the minimum wage rate of [\$4.25] six dollars (\$6.00) an hour, excepting that an employer furnishing food, utilities, supplies or housing to an employee who is engaged in agriculture may deduct the reasonable value of such furnished items from any wages due to the employee.

B. All employees covered by Subsection A of this section who customarily and regularly receive more than thirty

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dollars (\$30.00) a month in tips shall be paid a minimum hourly wage of [two dollars twelve and one-half cents (\$2.125)] three dollars (\$3.00). The employer may consider tips as part of wages, but such a wage credit shall not exceed fifty percent of the minimum wage. All tips received by such employees shall be retained by the employee, except that nothing [herein] in this section shall prohibit the pooling of tips among employees.

C. No employee covered by the provisions of Subsection A of this section shall be required to work more than forty hours in any week of seven days, unless he is paid one and one-half times his regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours."

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